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"GUARANTEES" TO GREECE

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1. REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP) DEPSEC GEN HASAN ESAT ISIK (MINDEFENSE IN THE ECEVIT GOVERNMENT), WHO EARLIER HAD CRITICIZED THE U.S.-TURKEY DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT (DCA) AND THE AMERICAN "GUARANTEES" TO GREECE (REF A), ELABORATED ON THESE CRITICISMS IN HIS CONTRIBUTION TO A PANEL DISCUSSION PUBLISHED IN APRIL 25 MILLIYET.

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2. ISIK ARGUED THAT THE GOT GAVE BASES TO THE U.S. IN

EXCHANGE FOR ARMS SUPPLIES WEHERAS GREECE WAS ABLE TO OBTAIN "AMERICAN SUPPORT AGAINST TURKEY." ISIK STATED THAT THE U.S.-TURKISH DCA WOULD HAVE BEEN MORE "EFFECTIVE" IF THE GOT HAD SOUGHT "POLITICAL SAFEGUARDS THAT THE U.S. WOULD NOT PREFER GREECE TO TURKEY." SINCE THE GOT FAILED TO DO THIS, HE SAID, THE PRINCIPLE OF THE USG "KEEPING AN 'EQUAL DISTANCE' FROM GREECE AND TURKEY" HAD BEEN UPSET.

3. ISIK STATED THAT THE EXCHANGE OF LETTERS WITH GREECE MEANT THAT THE U.S. FAVORED THE PRESENT STATUS QUO IN THE AEGEAN, WHICH FAVORED GREECE, AND DEMANDED THE ALTERATION OF THE STATUS QUO IN CYPRUS, WHICH PRESENTLY FAVORS TURKEY. THUS, "THE US DID NOT ACT AS AN IMPARTIAL ALLY, BUT THOUGHT OF PREVENTING THE GREEK-TURKISH DISAGREEMENT FROM REACHING THE POINT OF DISRUPTING THE ALLIANCE BY PUTTING PRESSURE ON TURKEY. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, ONLY TURKEY'S REACTIONS WILL SHOW THE U.S. WHAT THE REALITIES ARE, WHAT SHOULD BE DONE FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE ALLIANCE AND EVEN WHERE AMERICA'S OWN INTERESTS LIE."

4. CONCERNING THE CARAMANLIS NON-AGRESSION PACT PROPOSAL, ISIK SAID, "IT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO REGARD SUCH A PROPOSAL AS ONE WHICH WOULD IMPORVE THE RELATIONS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES" BECAUSE IT MEANT ACCEPTING THE STATUS QUO IN THE AEGEAN AND THE ALTERATION OF THE TERRITORIAL BOUNDARIES IN CYPRUS.

5. ISIK CONCLUDED BY NOTING THAT "AS LONG AS GREECE FEELS THAT THE U.S. IS BESIDE IT, NO JUST SOLUTION CAN BE FOUND TO THE AEGEAN CONFLICT. IF THE U.S. WILL NOT ACCEPT 'EQUAL DISTANCE,' TURKEY CANNOT HAND HER INTERESTS TO MILITARY COOPERATION WITH THE US AND NATO. TURKEY WILL THEN FEEL OBLIGED TO SEEK HER NATIONAL SECURITY OUTSIDE THESE...THIS DOES NOT MEAN PULLING OUT OF NATO OR PUTTING AN END TO COOPERATIONWITH THE U.S. IT ONLY PROVES THAT COOPERATION WITH THE U.S. AND NATO IS NOT ADEQUATE FOR TURKEY'S NATIONAL SECURITY."

6. COMMENT: ISIK'S COMMENTS SHOULD BE KEPT IN MIND AS THE DEPARTMENT PREPARES A REPLY TO FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL'S LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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